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Dear Paul:

I am delighted to hear that you will be joining the Social Science Department; I only wish that you were arriving this summer rather than next February. As you may have noticed, I am not in Washington on June 3rd, but I expect to be there in the next day or two, and will remain there for the rest of June. I would like very much to talk to you during that time; since I will be there over three weeks, we will have no trouble getting together. And I would indeed like to spend an evening with you and possibly, as you put it (rather say: by all means), your wife.

I am sure that we will have a lot to do with each other here, whatever subject occupies you at RAND; but the one you mentioned, of course, is of particular interest to me. I would agree that of all the technical areas with which you might choose to become acquainted, that related to command and control processes is probably the most pertinent to your general interest. I also share your hope that current concern about matters of command and control may provide the inducement to the Executive Branch of the government to submit itself to the painful process of diagnostic probing by scholars. But I look forward to plotting this with you in Washington.

Yours,

Daniel Ellsberg

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